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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To Our Patrons.

### Our Public School.

"How the fleeting years glide by!" People are often reminded in life's journey of the above quotation; but who are reminded more frequently of it than industrious scholars? Term after term, year after year, rapidly pass by, and before they are hardly aware of it their school-days are ended. Then commences their battle with the world and a day is almost lengthened to a week, and a week to a month. How forcibly was I impressed by this fact Thursday afternoon, Dec. 24, as I was waiting for the exercises to commence at the Central School, with the motto "The fleeting years glide by" directly before my eyes! After allowing my thoughts to wander some few minutes I was reminded by the tap of the bell that it was time for all to come to order. The exercises commenced promptly at 1.30 P. M. and consisted of singing by the school, conducted by Professor Marshall, dialogues, and single recitations. Many excellent speakers have been added to the school this year; among the most fluent we would mention Misses Barret, Sheldon, and Willet, who displayed great talent that afternoon. A comic recitation by Miss Tillie Morris created considerable mirth. Most who took part were members of the High School. I learn that that branch of our school is making rapid progress under the instructions of Miss Shibley and Mr. Stackpole.

I am told the exercises of the Primary school commenced at 11 A. M. of the same day, and consisted of singing by the school, conducted by Miss Case, and "The Children's Opera" in which members from Miss Briggs' class participated. I believe the little ones did well, and great credit is due the teacher who drilled them. The only complaint I have heard in connection with that morning's entertainment was the small audience assembled to witness their proceedings after they had made such great preparation to please the people. How disappointing it must have been to the children to feel that their efforts were not appreciated, for many must have heard about it beforehand, and then neglected to attend. I understand many pleasant hours were spent decorating the walls of the building for that last school day of this year. The teachers and scholars indeed displayed much taste in their selections of mottoes, the making of different forms, and the festooning of the evergreen.

### Christmas Eve at Hope Chapel.

The exhibition at Hope Chapel on Christmas Eve was a very entertaining affair. It evinced proof of careful training on the part of the teachers and aptitude of the scholars, which must have been gratifying to parents and very pleasing to the audience. The tableaux were well gotten up; pantomime imitations done; recitations well rendered—"elevating" certainly; and the Flower Garden, a new and pleasing feature, showing the patient drilling of Mrs. A. T. Morris who was the instructress of the little ones.

We owe a tribute of thanks to our kind, genial friend—Mr. A. T. Morris, who, so recently recovered from a tedious illness, gave us the benefit of his skillful ingenuity, without which I fear our Christmas entertainment would not have been as complete a success.

Each scholar was the recipient of a Christmas gift, bright eyes testifying their pleasure thereat, after which all retired to spend a Merry Christmas on the morrow.

We wish superintendent, teachers and scholars all a prosperous and Happy New Year.

### NOT ONE OF THEM.

#### A Testimonial.

Last Saturday evening after the regular rehearsal of the Choir of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Newark, a pleasant affair came off in the Parsonage, the Choir and a number of the members of the Church participating.

A presentation by Mr. H. H. Miller in behalf of the Choir and other friends was made to Miss Joanna B. Harvey, of this place, who has during the year now closing been engaged as leading Soprano of the Choir. The testimonial was a silver tea set consisting of a salver and six pieces, of rich design and workmanship, and was a pleasant and agreeable surprise to the recipient.

It was inscribed "To Miss Joanna B. Harvey from the Choir and Members of St. Paul's M. E. Church, Dec. 31, 1874."

As Miss Harvey was yesterday married to Dr. F. F. Bennett, of St. Pauls, by the Rev. Dr. Sims, the testimonial was intended to commemorate the end of her engagement there, as well as her marriage, and will no doubt be treasured long in remembrance of kinds friends in that church.

## ONLY A YEAR AGO.

Only a year ago! So short, and yet so long! Its memory soft as the summer wind, Or a wave of the angel's song. Only a year ago! And yet what changes have been! How many stars have been lost to view, And, oh! how many seen!

A head of golden hair— An eye supremely "blue"— A good and noble and brave heart, And Christianlike and true: That was a year ago! To-day—ah, and dust! It tells how much the heart will bear— How much it can and must.

And thus we might be hanging Sweet pictures in memory's hall; And let a flood of sunbeams Over our idols fall— Just as we did a year ago! Where are they all to-day? Ask of the wave, as it thunders by, What it did with yesterday's spray.

### Local Note-Book.

A Watch Night service is to be held Thursday evening, Dec. 31, in the M. E. Church, from 9 to 12 o'clock.

In consequence of next week being the Week of Prayer, the regular public meeting of the Endeavor Society will be held on Monday Eve, Jan. 11th instead of Jan. 4th.

The West End Union Neighborhood Prayer Meeting is to be held at the residence of Mr. Hedden, on Washington Avenue, Tuesday evening, Jan. 5, at a quarter to eight o'clock.

The Democratic-Republican Association of Bloomfield will celebrate the Anniversary of the battle of New Orleans by addresses on the life and character of Andrew Jackson, on Friday Evening of next week, in Friendship Hall.

J. H. Brown and Bro. have opened a market for the sale of meat, poultry and vegetables, on Broad street, above Belleville avenue. We invite the attention of housekeepers in that vicinity to their advertisement.

We are glad to make note the increase of business of Wm. Colfax, the Broad street and Belleville avenue grocer, who has been obliged to enlarge his store to nearly double its former size. Mr. C. is one of our most energetic and reliable business men.

A Christmas party, en route to Newark by the 10.59 train from Watessing last Friday morning, had the pleasure of their holiday ruined by what appeared to be a want of decent attention on the part of the conductor, who is supposed to look after the safety and comfort of passengers. A portion of the party managed to get on the train, when it started and they were taken to the city, leaving their companions behind. There was considerable indignation manifested by the passengers who saw what happened.

The installation of the Rev. H. W. Ballantine as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, which has been delayed in consequence of the closing of their building for repairs, will take place on next Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Eldridge Mix of Orange. Dr. Fewsmith of Newark, Dr. Berry of Montclair, Dr. Kennedy of the Westminster church, Dr. Knox. Mr. Ballantine's predecessor, and other ministers are expected to take part in the service.

The First Presbyterian church was opened for service last Sunday morning for the first time since Sept. 6th. There was a large attendance, and the sermon by the Pastor was an excellent one. One might suppose that very little that is new could be written or said concerning our time-honored Christmas festival, but there was a freshness in Mr. Ballantine's discourse which made it peculiarly acceptable and instructive. The improvements in the church are not fully completed and we shall wait until all is finished before giving a description of what has been done.

"Vincent," our correspondent at Washington, gives us a particularly good letter this week, touching upon the important topics of the day, and giving also what seems to be an unexaggerated account of the distressing suicide of Rev. Mr. Coombs. "Vincent" is a young Newarker who served with credit in the artillery during the late war, and since then has had clerical experience in the departments at Washington, although not now connected with the government. We are glad to know that his letters to THE RECORD are proving interesting to our readers.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.—An elderly man named Moffet met with a narrow escape from a frightful death at the Broad street railroad bridge last Saturday evening about six o'clock. He came out upon the train from New York, but was asleep when the train stopped at the station, and, awaking, got off at Chestnut Hill and commenced to walk back to Broad street along the track. When partly across the high bridge the down train from Montclair overtook him, and he was struck by the cow-catcher and thrown down the high embankment at the south east side of the bridge. It was at first supposed that his injuries were fatal. He was taken into the depot, where it was discovered that his wounds, though heavy, were not likely to prove dangerous. Dr. Bailey was summoned and attended the injured man, who was severely cut and bruised in several places about the head, face and side. He was afterward removed to the home of his son-in-law, Mr. Wheeler, who resides upon the Lockwood place, in the northern part of the township.

## OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

Christmas and New Year's Day at the Capital.—The Louisiana Troubles.—Pacific Railway Earnings.—The Printing House Employees.—Distressing Suicide of a Clergyman.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29, 1874.

Christmas day passed off quietly and pleasantly, and we were favored with a fine clear day. Preparation for the New Year's Reception is now the leading occupation in the homes that represent "society," and also in many quiet, unostentatious homes where the customs of receiving callers on New Year's will be observed. It is usual for the President, the Cabinet and the Speaker to keep "open house." The President's reception will follow the usual routine. At 11 o'clock A. M. the Cabinet and Foreign Ministers will be received; at 11.30, Senators, Representatives, U. S. Judges and the District Commissioners; at 12 o'clock, the officers of the Army and Navy; at 12.30 the Assistant Secretaries and heads of bureaus at 12.45 the veterans of 1812 and of Mexico, and the "oldest inhabitants, association" of the District of Columbia. The reception of citizens will commence at 1 o'clock, at which time the gates of the enclosure will be opened, and will terminate at 2 P. M.

The troubles in Louisiana have again been the main topic under discussion in political circles. The President has been besieged by callers, some wishing to talk with him about Louisiana affairs, but head mitted only about a dozen of those who called. The President was also in receipt of numerous telegrams from Gov. Kellogg of La., and his friends. The President seems perfectly satisfied that if any "popular" outbreaks should take place there will be no trouble in putting them down promptly. It is thought that there will be a conflict when the day fixed to install the officers and members of the Legislature, arrives: It cannot be denied that the present situation is very grave, and events there during the next week will be awaited with the utmost solicitude. General Phil Sheridan has received confidential instructions to proceed immediately to New Orleans and acquaint himself with the condition of affairs without regard to the present commander of the Gulf, Gen. Emory. If, during his stay in New Orleans, there should be any violence resorted to he will assume the command immediately and carry out his instructions from the President, which it is understood are the same given to General Emory last September, with this difference that instead of the mob being considered an "armed assemblage," it will be considered as disturbers of the peace, and as enemies of the United States, having no claims to quarter.

From the knowledge we have of General Sheridan, no one doubts he will carry out his instructions to the letter; and from the comments of the New Orleans press, the malcontents there seem to have the same belief. "The rats begin to gnaw the file."

There has been a demand made on the Pacific Railroad Companies for the five per cent. of their gross savings, by Judge Robinson, Assistant Solicitor of the Treasury. The act of Congress passed in 1869 provided that after the completion of any of these roads a tax amounting to five per cent. of the annual earnings should be paid into the Treasury. In addition the law provides that an annual report should be furnished the Secretary of the Interior. Up to this time both laws have been violated, as no tax has been paid or report furnished. Judge Robinson procured from the Directors their report to the Stockholders and took their figures representing their net earnings. In this manner it was found that the Central Pacific owed \$1,836,635.10; Union Pacific \$21,104.42; Union Pacific, Central Branch \$47,197.38; Kansas Pacific \$308,830.13. These sums have been demanded. All the companies have demurred, and are greatly chagrined because the reports of the Directors were used as a basis to state the amount of tax, inasmuch as such reports are usually made more favorably than they should be, and with the view to influence the stock in the market.

The companies now propose to furnish their own figures. Secretary Briston, of course, will refuse this because, mainly, no response came when such request was made. Payment must be made within sixty days, which will place some of the companies in default at the end of the present week, as demand was made the latter part of October.

On Saturday last, after office hours, envelopes were sent to upwards of three hundred employees of the Engraving and Printing Bureau of the Treasury, with contents notifying them that after the 1st prox. their service would no longer be required. This morning the office of the chief of this Bureau was earnestly and vigorously besieged by a number of the discharged female employees. They were very unfortunate, and distressed the messengers who were obliged to refuse them admittance into the sanctum of their chief, notwithstanding that many told stories that were really touching, of their great need for work, and the parents and children who were dependent upon them for bread. If Congress would show a little more zeal in attending to such affairs as this, and prevent this constant changing, thereby causing trouble and distress, it would be more satisfactory.

The people of this city were shocked and distressed beyond measure on Sunday last by the suicide of one of its most highly respected and cherished divines. While the church-going portion of the people were in their respective places of worship, the report was circulated that Rev. J. N. Coombs, pastor of the Western Presbyterian Church, had cut his throat with a razor. It was hardly credited, as Mr. Coombs was looked

upon as an exemplary Christian, and a man who had none other than loving friends. Mr. Coombs, early Sunday morning came from his room in the house where he was boarding, and ate his breakfast. After prayers he read his sermon and went up stairs to change his clothes previous to going to church. He was expected to preach as usual, but as he had not arrived at some minutes past the usual time, some of the members of his congregation went to his residence and there learned that he was in his chamber, as his hat and coat were on the rack in the hall. Upon going to the door it was found to be locked, and as no sign was given after repeated knockings, it was burst open, and the minister was found lying upon the bed in his own blood, dead. A razor was found in his hand, which showed the instrument with which the fatal deed was done. Of late he has been known to be restless and apparently troubled in mind. His wife has been for some time insane, and is now at the asylum. Brooding upon her and condition is supposed to have affected his reason, and it is also said that a statement in a Sunday paper tended to lead to his death. This publication stated that a minister, one of the leading churches of the city had been detected in stealing first one book and then another from one of the bookstores, that the bookseller had taxed him with the theft, that he confessed, expressed great penitence, and begged that he be not exposed, and for that reason his name was withheld from the public.

The circumstance thus referred to occurred at a bookstore on Broadway, about 3 o'clock on Saturday, and created some excitement. It seems that the book merchant had noticed Mr. Coombs' handling the book taken, and on his leaving the store the dealer found that the volume was missing, and following Mr. Coombs he tapped him on the shoulder and asked him to return the volume taken. Mr. Coombs seemed unable to make any explanation. An evening paper had said that "it is apparent that the deceased had been laboring for many years under this kleptomaniac infirmity." We are informed by a leading city bookseller that some six years ago Mr. Coombs was detected taking books." This again is contradicted. It is probable that he entered the bookstore, looked at books, and in an abstracted way, walked out with it, with no intention of stealing the book, and even did not know he had it. He was mentally depressed, and was not responsible for his conduct. The bookseller, it is said, accosted him coarsely and rudely, and held him by the arm, asking passers by "if they knew this clerical thief." With no intention or knowledge of wrong doing this evidently so shocked the man that he went home in a bewildered state, with the result, I have chronicled. He was forty-seven years of age. He was at one time a minister in the Methodist church, but afterwards became a minister in the Presbyterian church. The heavy domestic affliction alluded to above was the controlling cause inducing his change in church relation. A more settled manner of life than that afforded by the library was desirable in view of his wife's mental condition. This condition of his wife preyed intensely upon him, and greatly injured his health, he being subject to attacks of severe nervous prostration and melancholy.

The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by cutting his throat while laboring under a paroxysm of insanity. The matter of the alleged taking of books will be thoroughly investigated, both by the Masons, of which order he was a member, and by the clergy.

### VINCENT.

#### About Congress.

During the December session of Congress, which recently closed, 106 new bills were introduced in the Senate, and 338 new bills in the House. This in addition to resolutions of which a number were offered in both Houses. The first bill introduced in the Senate was the bill to provide a new form of Government for the District of Columbia. The two bills first introduced in the House were the naval and legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bills, both of which were passed in the House before adjournment. In the three weeks of the session the Senate passed fourteen bills, of which the only ones of importance were the new finance bill, and the bill for the relief of settlers on the public lands who have suffered from the ravages of the grasshoppers. The House passed eighteen bills, the only important ones being the two appropriation bills mentioned.

### Montclair Railway.

The passengers on the Montclair Railway showed their appreciation of the faithful and courteous discharge of duty by the train employees of that road in making up for them a Christmas purse. We understand this was done on each train, but we have not learned the amount of the gift on Conductor Smith's or Crum's trains.

On Conductor Watkins' train it was \$20 each to Conductor Watkins and Engineer Gordon and \$5 each to the fireman and the brakemen. On Christmas eve the 5.30 train from New York stopped at Arlington while Mr. Gilbert of Market Bank presented the purse, in a few fitting remarks, on behalf of the passengers, and Conductor Watkins responded in a neat speech.

Such occasions are especially pleasant as showing the kind regard and appreciation which are sure to be accorded by the traveling public when they receive faithful and courteous treatment, as they do from the employees of this road.

The trains on this road are making splendid time and are well patronized; they are very prompt and reliable and are daily growing more popular.

### The International Expositor.

Rev. Dr. Newlin, formerly of this place is the author of a new work entitled "The International Expositor." It is being published in parts by another former resident of Bloomfield, Mr. Uzal D. Ward. The Expositor just issued is on the Book of Joshua, and forms a valuable exposition of the international Sunday School Series of Lessons for the current quarter. Dr. Newlin's work will be a great convenience to those children who are not provided with Bible dictionaries and commentaries, as it affords information upon all questions likely to come up in the study of the lesson.

### Married.

WORCESTER.—JANIE.—In Bloomfield, Dec. 30, at the residence of the bride's parents, by Rev. Duane Kennedy, D. D., Horatio E. Worcester, of Tewksbury, Mass., and Annie L., daughter of William Jarvis, of Bloomfield.

### Died.

WILDS.—On Saturday the 26th inst. at his residence in New York city, JOHN S. WILDS, son of James Wilde, of this place.

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### NOTICE.

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